

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-29, 32-61, 63, and 67-71 are pending. Claims 1-19, 30-31, 62, and 64-66 were previously canceled. Claims 24-29, 35, 36, 46-52, and 57-61 were previously withdrawn. Claims 20-23, 32-34, 37-40, 63, and 69 are allowed. Claims 41-45, 53-56, 67, 68, 70, and 71 stand substantively rejected.

In this Amendment, claims 41-61, 67, 68, 70, and 71 are canceled.

Request for Rejoinder

Presently pending claims 24-29, 35, and 36 were withdrawn pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 9, 2007. Base claim 20, from which these claims depend, is now allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 24-29, 35, and 36 be rejoined and allowed as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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